

- B2  
concd
- observing the image of the spot caught by a sensor located at a fixed distance from the container, as the laser diode is inserted in the container;
  - stopping the laser diode displacement means when the image of the spot observed presents predetermined dimensions and shape; and
  - fixing the laser diode into position.
- 

**REMARKS**

It is respectfully requested that the above preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination of the claims on the merits. These amendments add headings and subheadings in accordance with U.S. patent practice. Additionally, a number of minor typographical errors and/or modifications of claim and specification language have been made.

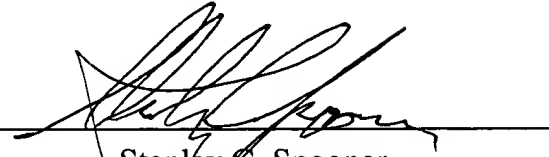
Having responded to a number of errors noted with respect to the originally filed application, it is submitted that pending claims 1 through 31 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of these claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative.

**OLIVA**  
**Serial No. 09/497,552**

Respectfully submitted,

**NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stanley C. Spooner', is written over a horizontal line.

Stanley C. Spooner  
Reg. No. 27,393

SCS:kmm  
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor  
Arlington, VA 22201-4714  
Telephone: (703) 816-4000  
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100